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Legend to Overlay of GSGS 4416, Sheet R-11, Pinpoint Location of Wroclaw Airfield.

1. WROCLAW AIRFIELD.
2. RUNWAY:
3. HIGHWAY: Asphalt, seven meters wide, good condition, 100 meters South of airfield. Leading E. nine kilometers to center of Wroclaw.

Legend to Sketch of Wroclaw Airfield.

1. HIGHWAY: Refer to Overlay, Pt. 3.
2. ENTRANCE: Iron picket gate, four meters wide. An armed military guard was noted at this point, gate was always open.
3. GUARD SHACK: Brick, 15 x 8 x 4 m. with red tile covered gable type roof. Guard shack was used by airfield guards during tour of duty, it was called guard shack #1. The tour of duty for airfield guards was two hours on and four hours off over a twenty-four hour period, the guard was changed at 1700 hours of each day. This guard shack was also used as a guard house. it had

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4. GARAGE: Gray brick, 100 x 20 x 5 m., with tar paper covered shed type roof.

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5. GARAGE: Same construction and dimensions as Pt. 4. This point and garage Pt. 4 belonged to the airfield's transportation company. The total number of vehicles that airfield had was, 15 tugs, 4 passenger cars, 2 buses, 10 2½ ton ZIS trucks and 10 tank trucks used for gas, oil and water; all these vehicles were parked in both garages during the night. 50X1
6. WAREHOUSE: Red brick, 20 x 10 x 5 m. with tar paper covered shed type roof. This was a newly constructed building, construction was completed in the Spring of 1953. This warehouse contained furniture, i.e. beds, mattresses, desks, tables, chairs, etc.
7. WAREHOUSE: Same constructional and dimensional data as Pt. 6, also a new construction, construction completed in Spring of 1953. Warehouse was empty [redacted], it was to be used for storage of foodstuff. 50X1
8. WAREHOUSE: Wood, 40 x 15 x 4 m. with tar paper covered low gable type roof. Warehouse was used for the storage of airfield's small arms and small arms ammunition. (quantity unknown)
9. CENTRAL HEATING STATION: Gray brick, 30 x 15 x 8 meters with red tile covered low gable type roof, a chimney was located at North end of building (height unknown). This heating station burned coke and supplied steam heat to Pts. 3 to 29 inclusive.
10. BUILDING: Gray brick, 40 x 20 x 5 m. with tar paper covered shed type roof. This building was the vehicle repair shop.
11. BARRACK: Two story gray brick, 70 x 15 m. with red tile covered gable type roof. Barrack housed enlisted personnel from the 12th Air Independent Squadron, for Adjusting Artillery Fire (77 personnel), the 11th Air Independent Observation Squadron (45 personnel), and airfields communications company (220 personnel).
12. BARRACK: Same as Pt. 11. This barrack housed airfield's transportation company, (50 personnel), it also had a training program for car mechanics.
13. BARRACK: Same as Pt. 11. This barrack housed airfield's guard company (220 personnel).
14. BARRACK: Same as Pt. 11. Half of barrack housed a platoon of airfield electrical technicians, the other half housed some airfield officers, both single, and married with dependents.
15. BARRACK: Same as Pt. 11. Barrack housed single officers and those married with dependents.
16. BARRACK: Same as Pt. 15.
17. BARRACK: Same as Pt. 15. All barracks were 30 m. apart.
18. MESS HALL: Two story gray brick, 50 x 20 m., with red tile covered gable type roof. The first floor contained mess hall and kitchen, the 2nd floor had a movie and gym.
19. TELEPHONE BUILDING: Gray brick, 10 x 7 x 4 m. with red tile covered gable type roof. This was airfield's central telephone station, it was called ZENIETH.
20. WAREHOUSE: Gray brick, 40 x 15 x 4 m. with tar paper covered shed type roof. Warehouse stored small arms and small arms ammunition. Source could not estimate amounts but he did state

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that the warehouse was filled to its capacity.

21. OFFICERS' CLUB: Two story gray brick, 40 x 20 m. with red tile covered gable type roof.
22. BARRACK: Two story gray brick, 30 x 12 m. with red tile covered gable type roof. This barrack housed single officers and married officers with dependents, also office of the judge advocate, a Polish major (name unknown).
23. BUILDING: Two story gray brick, 70 x 15 m. with red tile covered gable type roof. This building was used by divisional headquarters (headquarters unknown) and 3rd Jet Fighter Regiment Headquarters.
24. VEGETABLE GARDEN: 100 x 25 m.
25. FIRING RANGE: Surrounded by a 2½ m. brick wall, 100 x 20 m. Firing was done about two or three times a month by all personnel, there were no set qualifications.
26. BUILDING: Gray brick, 30 x 10 x 4 m. with tar paper covered shed type roof. The southeast corner of building had a square glass dome 3 x 3 m.; the dome was a weather station. The building itself was a parachute packing and checking station.
27. BARRACK: Two story gray brick, 70 x 15 m. with red tile covered gable type roof. This barrack housed soldiers from the 3rd Jet Fighter Regiment (about 200).
28. BUILDING: Two story gray brick, 70 x 15 m. This building was the divisional telegraph office.
29. BUILDING: Same constructional and dimensional data as Pt. 28. This building was headquarters for the 12th Air Independent Squadron for Adjusting Artillery Fire and the 11th Independent Aerial Observation Squadron.
30. HANGAR: Gray brick, 80 x 60 x 8 m., with oval shaped tin covered roof. This hangar belonged to the 3rd Jet Fighter Regiment. Hangar housed 12 YAK-23 type aircraft.
31. HANGAR: Gray brick, 60 x 45 x 7 m. with tar paper covered shed type roof. Hangar belonged to the 3rd Jet Fighter Regiment it housed seven YAK-23 type aircraft. Hangar was 50 m. from hangar Pt. 30.
32. HANGAR: Steel quonset type, 40 x 20 m., entire hangar was tar paper covered. Hangar was used as paint shop and storage for paints. Hangar was 50 m. from hangar Pt. 31.
33. HANGAR: Same construction and dimensional data as Pt. 31. Hangar was used by the 11th Independent Aerial Observation Squadron, it housed 13 PO-2 type aircraft. Hangar was 50 m. from hangar Pt. 32.
34. HANGAR: Same constructional and dimensional data as Pt. 31. Hangar was used by the 12th Air Independent Squadron, for Adjusting Artillery Fire, it housed seven IL-2, and three PO-2 type aircraft. Hangar was 50 m. from hangar Pt. 33.
35. FUEL STORAGE: Surrounded by a two meter high brick wall, 100 x 70 m. Aviation gas and oil was stored in horizontal tanks, (size of tanks unknown but smaller than tank car type). Tanks were covered with wooden sheds 4 x 2½ x 3 m. There were five or six tanks in area.

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36. HANGAR: Gray brick, 80 x 60 x 9 m., with tar paper covered shed type roof. Hangar was used by the Divisional Maintenance and Supply company, also for storage of aircraft engines and aircraft parts. It also housed one LI-2 type aircraft belonging to the 3rd Jet Fighter Regiment.
37. GUARD SHACK: Gray brick, 10 x 7 x 4 m., with red tile covered gable type roof. Guard shack was used by guards during tour of duty. It was called guard shack #2.
38. BUILDING: Gray brick, 30 x 10 x 4 m., with red tile covered gable type roof. This was a newly constructed building, construction was completed in the Spring of 1953. Building housed cows, pigs and horses which were used by airfield personnel.
39. RAMP: Concrete, 100 x 20 x 1 m. Ramp was used to aid in unloading airfield supplies from rail spur Pt. 40. In December of 1952 Source observed YAK 9-P aircraft being loaded on to box cars at this point. At this time the 3rd Jet Fighter Regiment was changing over to jet aircraft. The 3rd Regiment received their jet aircraft (YAK-23's) in May of 1953; they were flown in.
40. RAIL SPUR: Single track narrow gauge.
41. CENTRAL HEATING STATION: Gray brick, 50 x 20 x 5 m. with red tile covered gable type roof. This heating station was seldom in operation, it was to heat the hangars. On one occasion Source observed coke and coal being unloaded at this point from rail spur Pt. 40.
42. BUILDING: Red brick, 20 x 15 x 5 m. with tar paper covered shed type roof. This was a new constructed building, construction was completed in Summer of 1952. Building was used as airfield's first aid station and dental clinic. Hospital was in city of Wroclaw.
43. BUILDING: Gray brick, 20 x 15 x 4 m. with red tile covered gable type roof. Building was used for recharging aircraft accumulators and the refilling of oxygen bottles.
44. BUILDING: Wood, 40 x 30 x 4 m., with tar paper covered low gable type roof. Building was used as a guest house and recreation center for guests visiting soldiers.
45. WAREHOUSE: Gray brick, 50 x 15 x 5 m., with tar paper covered low gable type roof. Warehouse was used for the storage of foodstuff. [redacted] foodstuff were to be transferred into empty warehouse Pt. 7. Warehouse also contained a canteen and commissary for officers.
46. UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE: Covering an area of 100 x 20 m. Area had no fence. Area was under construction [redacted] three tanks were already underground, a hole was being dug for the 4th. The tanks were red and about the size of a tank car type, but possibly having a larger diameter and shorter in length. There were not to be more than four tanks. Area was not in use [redacted]
47. BALL FIELD: 100 x 60 m.
48. FIRING RANGE: Built up area 200 x 50 m. Range was used by soldiers also for testing and synchronizing aircraft guns.
49. GRASS AIRFIELD: 2,000 x 1,200 m., airfield was flat, used by IL-2 and PO-2 type aircraft.

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50. TAXI STRIP: Concrete, 2,000 x 15 m. Taxi-strip was still under construction [redacted] about 200 m. East of airfield was lacking for completion.

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51. RUNWAY: Reference also made to Overlay, Pt. 2. Solid concrete, 2,000 to 2,500 x 60 m., thickness unknown. [redacted] way direction to be 100°- 280°. This was a newly constructed runway, construction was completed in January or February of 1953. Runway was first used in the middle of May of 1953 when the YAK-23 aircraft arrived for the 3rd Jet Fighter Regiment. [redacted] that digging had begun on the South side and next to entire length of the concrete runway. He believed that this construction was going to be a taxi strip. Runway had no night lighting facilities.

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52. FARM LAND: Low rolling hills.

Airfield was about 2 x 2 kilometers and square shape, excluding runway [Pt. 51]. Grassy airfield [Pt. 49] was oblong shape. Runway had a possible extensibility of about one kilometer to the East. All roads on airfield were concrete, five meters wide and in very good condition. Airfield surface was flat, drainage was natural. Obstructions were chimneys at heating stations [Pts. 9 & 41], and hangars [Pts. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 36]. All these points had red warning lights on them. Airfield's electrical power was supplied by city of Wroclaw. Landing aids were two mobile radio stations, landing "T" and flares. Transportation was civilian buses. [For administration and personnel see [redacted] Flying activity was constant, night flying was done only by the 12th Air Independent Squadron, for Adjusting Artillery Fire and some by the 11th Independent Aerial Observation Squadron. Flying was never done in bad weather. Airfield had no defense installations, radar or air raid shelters. The exact number of aircraft on airfield was: The 3rd Jet Fighter Regiment had 16 YAK-23's; 2 UT-2's, One YAK-18 and One LI-2; The 12th Air Independent Squadron for Adjusting Artillery Fire and Seven IL-2's and three PO-2's; the 11th Independent Aerial Observation Squadron had 13 PO-2's. No further information. Completion of long concrete runway, the extensive construction underway and basing of a Jet Fighter Regiment and Division Headquarters here makes this an important Class II Installation.

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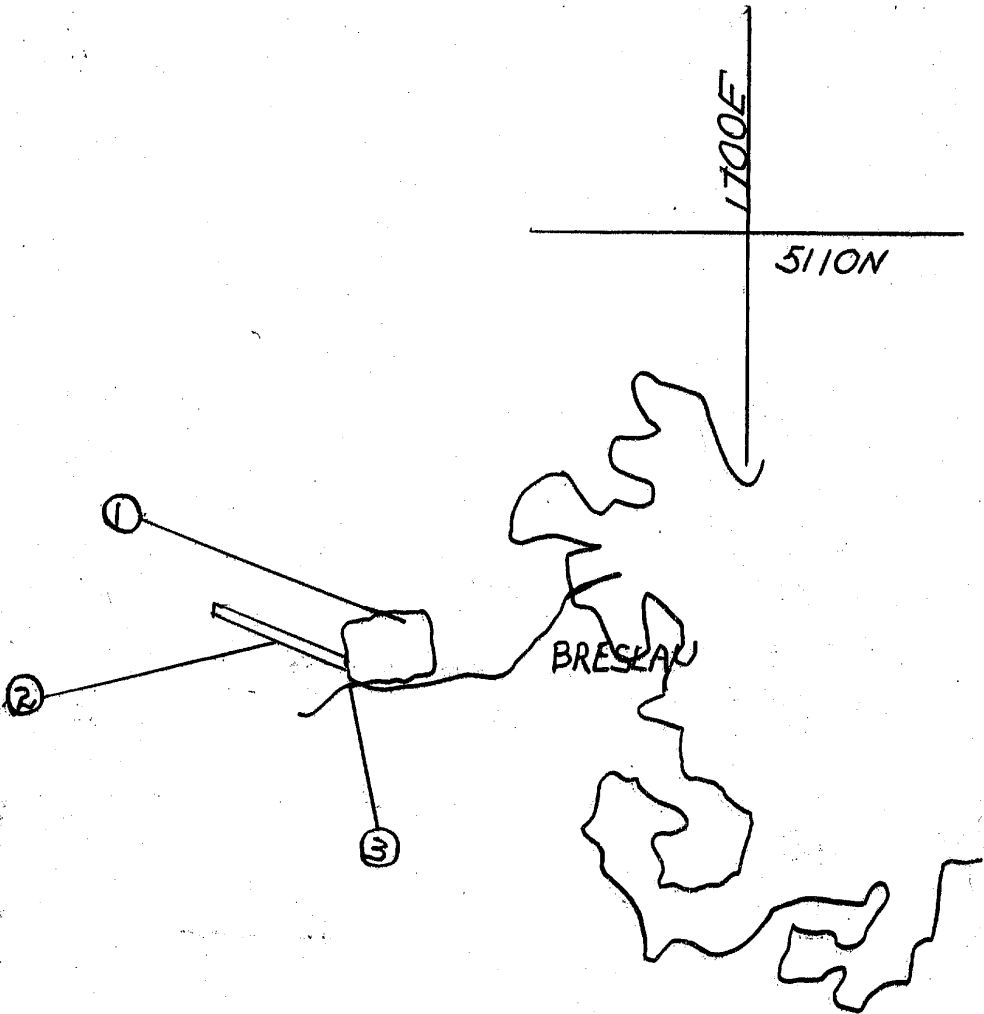
Sketch of Wroclaw Airfield.

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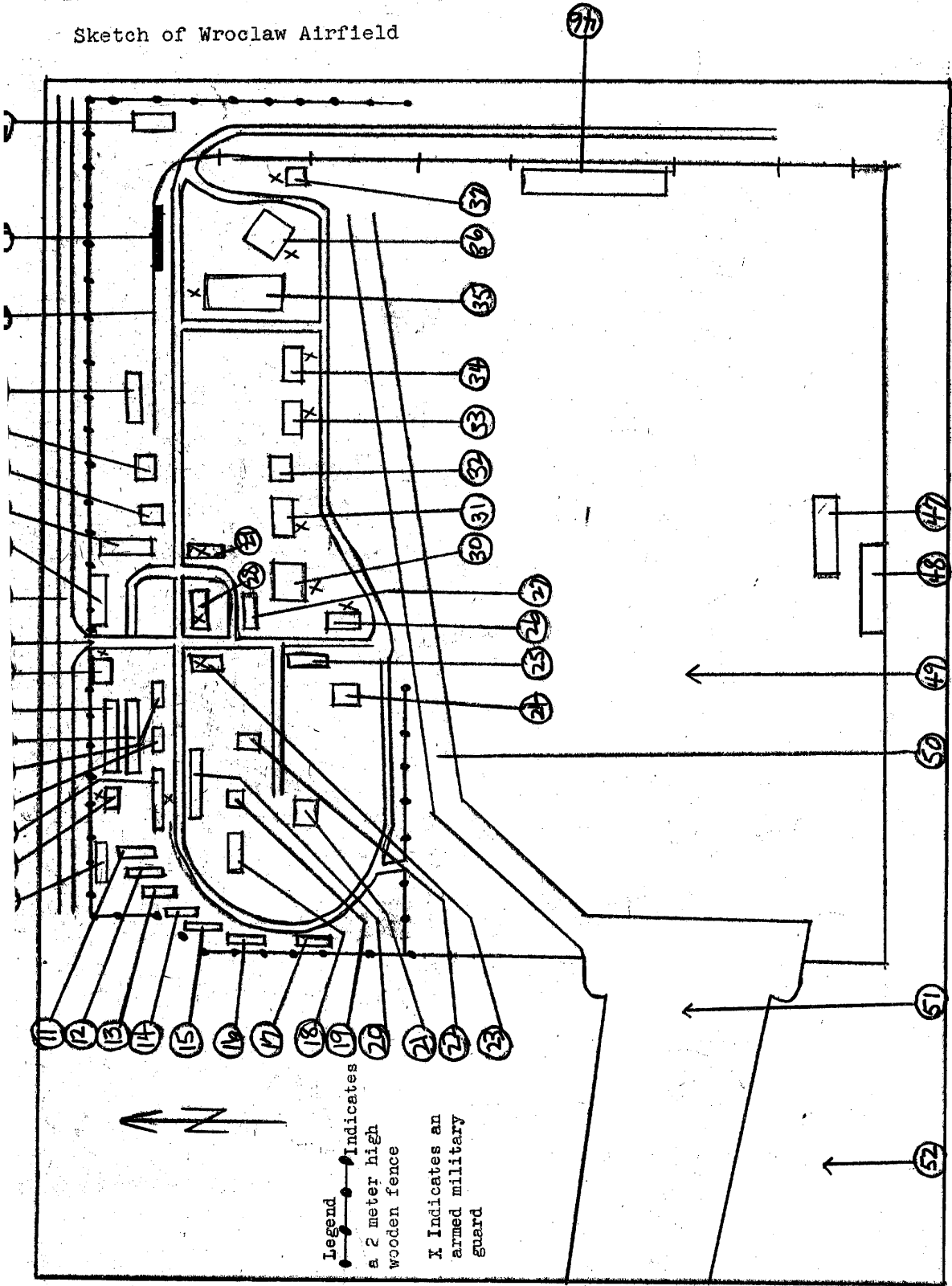
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